

MISSOURI COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING



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Esteemed Missouri Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community:

The annual MCDHH Awards Ceremony is right around the corner and will be held at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach on **Friday, October 10, 2014**. This year's theme is "**Channeling Your Passion to Achieve Our Shared Vision**" in honor of the Missouri's 21st anniversary Interpreter Conference. MCDHH will issue one (1) Lifetime Achievement Award. Before we make our final selection for this year, we need your help with identifying nominees! The deadline for submitting your nomination is **Friday, September 19, 2014**.

Please be aware of the guidelines before submitting your nomination.

Lifetime Achievement Award Guidelines:

1. Any Missouri resident may nominate a person to receive an MCDHH Lifetime Achievement Award. They may do so by sending the name of the nominee, current contact information for the nominee (mailing address, telephone number, and email address if known).
2. A statement of why they think the nominee deserves the award, and, if possible, a brief resume or biographical sketch along with a photograph (headshot).
3. MCDHH Lifetime Achievement Awards shall be given periodically by the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to one or more persons that it deems worthy of the honor.
4. MCDHH Lifetime Achievement Awards shall be given for outstanding service over a significance portion of one's lifetime to Missourians who are deaf or hard of hearing.
5. No person shall be given to receive an MCDHH Lifetime Achievement Award more than once during their lifetime.

Past award recipients have included interpreters, educators and service providers, as well as deaf and hard of hearing individuals. If you know of anyone that you would like us to consider for a Lifetime Achievement Award, please do not hesitate to nominate that person.

Please send the nomination to our Community Support Liaison of the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Nominations may be submitted by e-mail (christopher.ludvigsen@mcdhh.mo.gov) and fax (573-526-5209).

We look forward to seeing you at the 2013 Interpreter's Conference. Please remember that the deadline is **Friday, September 19, 2014!**

Most sincerely,

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